**Proposed Recipient:** Georgia Southern Rural Nursing Service & Education Outreach Programs

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 8158, Statesboro, GA, 30460

Amount of Request: \$184,000 Explanation of Request

**Purpose**: This initiative is designed to address the critical underserved health care delivery needs of residents in southeast Georgia and the critical need for increased numbers of well-educated professional nurses in the region.

Why is it a good use of Taxpayer funds: The nationwide shortage of nurses is compounded in rural areas, because they are often the only primary care providers. This project addresses the federal responsibility of providing the health care "safety net" by ensuring the availability of trained medical professionals in rural areas. The program will develop solutions that can be replicated nationwide.